

REMARKS

Claim 2 is cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice. Claim 3 is amended. Claim 10 was previously withdrawn.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Megason et al. (US 6,618,264 B2). Applicant traverses the rejection to the extent that it can be maintained. Claim 2 is cancelled.

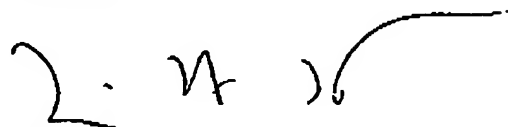
Claims 3-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 3 is amended as an independent claim and incorporates the limitations of claim 2 from which it depended. Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 3 is allowable. Claims 4-9 directly or indirectly depend from claim 3 and therefore are likewise allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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